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In re Patent Application for:

Steve Teig

Serial No.: 10/047,982

Filing Date: 1/14/02

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROBABILISTIC ROUTING

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" on page 1, and insert therein a new "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" as follows:

--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier-field U.S.

Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus that

Utilize Diagonal Routes", having serial number 60/325,748, and filed

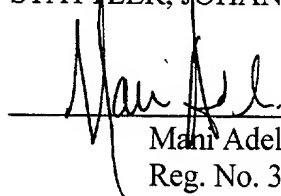
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REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment modifies the claim of benefit to prior applications. The original claim of benefit was included in the first Preliminary Amendment that was submitted with the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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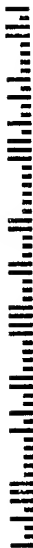
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